—स्रोत में कमी, लार्वानाशकों के इस्तेमाल और जैव-पर्यावर्णिक दृष्टिकोण अपनाकर मच्छर पलने की क्रियाओं को समाप्त करने के लिए लार्वा-रोधी उपाय;

—मलेरिया की रोकथाम करने के लिए लोगों में जागरूकता उत्पन्न करने के लिए स्वास्थ्य शिक्षा संबंधी कार्यकलापों को तेज करना;

—मार्गदर्शी आधार पर बहु-प्रतिरोध शक्ति क्षेत्रों में नये कीटनाशकों के साथ प्रयोग करना।

(घ) मलेरिया और डेंग्यू की रोकथाम और कारगर नियंत्रण के लिए राज्य सरकार को कार्य योजना और कार्यकलापों का कैलेन्डर बनाने के लिए दिशानिर्देश प्रदान कर दिए गए हैं। इसके अतिरिक्त, राज्य को 336.00 लाख रुपये के मूल्य के पर्याप्त मात्रा में कीटनाशक, सूक्ष्मदर्शियों, वाहनों और औषधों की आपूर्ति की जा रही है।

Shortage of Drugs Hindering T.B Control Programme

2526. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) The approximate number of Tuberculosis patients in the country;

(b) whether the T.B. control plan is not being implemented affectively;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is a severe shortages of drug for the treatment of T.B.;

(e) whether the drug shortage is hindering T.B. control plan; and

(f) if so, the steps taken to remove the shortage of drugs for the treatment of T.B.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) It is a estimated that 14 million people are suffering from active Tuberculosis in the country.

(b) and (c) The disease load in the community has remained static over the last few years. the nation-wide review done in 1992 revealed that factors like low treatment completion rate, undue emphasis on x-ray diagnosis, poor quality of sputum microscopy, emphasis on case detection rather than cure multiplicity of treatment regimens, poor organisational set up and inadequate budgetary support are largely responsible for ineffective implementation of the National TB Control Progamme.

(d) to (f) There is no severe shortage of anti-TB drugs in the country, However, Government is taking steps to improve procurement, supply and distribution to ensure that every patient gets the full course of treatment. Under the new World Bank funded T.B. Control Project (1997-2002), adequate provision for procurement of Drugs is being made.

Contract Between Doordarshan and Panam Sat 4 for Use of Transponder

2527. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BORADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan has entered into a 10 year contract with Panam Sat 4 at huge cost for use of its transponder as reported in 'Indian Express' of 22nd June, 1996;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are no takers for that international channel of Doordarshan;

(c) if so, what is the cost incurred on that channel in 1996 and the revenue earned therefrom; and

(d) whether Government propose to disband loss making channels, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Doordarshan has entered into a 15 year agreement with Panam-Sat for taking on lease one C Band transponder and one KU Band transponder on PAS-4 and a digital channel on PAS-1. The lease charges are US $ 3 million per annum for the first three